Celebrating The Life
Of
Willie Edward Horton

Sunrise
December 5, 1939

Sunset
August 5, 2012

Services Held
Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 11:00 AM

Stewarts Rose Manor
3331 MacDonald Ave.
Richmond, California 94804

Officiating:
Rev. Andre Shumake

Willie Edward Horton

~ 1939 - 2012 ~

Willie Edward Horton, lovingly known as "Pepper" to friends and family, was born December 5, 1939 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was the youngest of 3 children born to the happy union of Willie Dan and Wilida Horton.

In search of a better life, the family relocated to Richmond, CA., where he continued his formal education attending Richmond Union High School. As a young man he wore many different hats, had a number of jobs, most notably he worked at Shepard Brothers Market, until they closed in the mid 1960's. He also worked a number of years at F & P Cannery in Richmond, CA.

In that perpetual quest for a better life, he took the advise of a friend and applied for employment with the federal government. He was called to work at the Mare Island Shipyard in Vallejo, CA. A serious and dedicated employee never absent never late. He worked in several positions until forced into retirement in 1967, due to an on the job injury.

Pepper was united in marriage to his soul mate, Evelyn for over 50 years. The two were inseparable and lived their lives as one.

Socializing was his true passion, making others happy his utmost goal. Anyone graced by his presence, reaped the benefits of a genuine, giving and loving person. His sense of humor seemed to flow, embracing all in the midst. He loved to share a laugh. Pepper and Evelyn were born to entertain. There were Sunday Dinners, the super bowl parties and even when there wasn't a party there was a gathering at their home. We will miss Pepper this NFL season, but we will cherish his beloved Dallas Cowboys. We will give him his props this season only! Pepper was a great cook, his pies and cakes were renown and his Fried Turkey and Prime Rib were heavenly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Larry, a stepson, Renondo Gentry and his grandson, Kyon Shuemake.

To mourn his passing and to cherish his passing-through this life, he leaves his loving wife, Evelyn Horton; stepson, Orlandes "Bud"(Rose) Shuemake of Hercules, CA; one sister, Earlene Williams of Richmond, CA; two aunts, Lila Jean Williams of Chicago, IL; and Ruby Kearney of Los Angeles, CA; two uncles, Gilbert Bailey and Richard Bailey, both of Los Angeles, CA; one brother-in-law, Richard (Flo) Shuemake of Richmond,CA; and sister-in-law, Katherine (Charles) McCraney of Seattle, WA; two special fiends, Alice Marie Eisley and Joe Yates; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.
Pepper never met a stranger. He will truly be missed .....

Order Of Service For

Willie Edward Horton

Music Prelude .....

Processional .....

Invocation ..... Rev. Andre Shumake

Scripture ..... Rev. Andre Shumake

Old & New Testments

Prayer ..... Rev. Andre Shumake

Selection ..... Larry Johnson

Poem ..... ("Tomorrow") ..... Evangela Eisley

Acknowledgements & Condolences. ..... Lashune King

Obituary .....

Expressions ..... (2 minutes please) ..... Family & Friends

Selection ..... Larry Johnson

Eulogy ..... Rev. Corey Wilson

Parting View .....

Recessional .....

~ Interment ~

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California

~ Repast ~

Rock of Ages MBC
1829 Market Street
San Pablo, California

Active Pallbearers

Joe Williams Sr.
Ron Williams
Jeremy Williams
Kenny Harris
Curtis McCraney
Kearon Dickerson

Honorary Pallbearers

Joe Yates
Curtis Coleman
Jeremy Williams
Moddy Perry
Leslie Eisley Sr.
Raymond Keeton
Richard Winston
Shafeeq Shaheed

Only the Best

God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you and whispered
Come to me

With tearful eyes
We watched you suffer and saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly we could not make
You stay

A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hand to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best

Acknowledgements

The Family of Willie "Pepper" Horton would like to express their sincere gratitude for your prayers and kind words of condolences, telephone calls, flowers, cards and your many expressions of love. They were a comfort in a time of need.

~ May God Bless and Keep Us All ~

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Service
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